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Re: Serial No.: 10/729,094  
Apparatus and Method for Completing an Interval of a Wellbore While Drilling  
Examiner: Thomas S. Bomar  
Art Unit: 3672  
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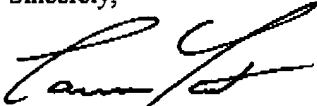
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the following items (18 + 1 pages) relating to the above-identified application:

- (1) Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (18 pages).


If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please call the undersigned at your earliest convenience. Otherwise, please accept the enclosed.

Sincerely,



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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 due for reply by June 20, 2006. In view of the following remarks, allowance of the pending claims in this application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** being on page 16.